

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at noon at Oakwood Restaurant in Davidsville. 14 members and 6 guests attended in a bright and spacious room at large tables.

Members present were Syd Bowersox, Sam Hanson, Pat Hofscher, Ruth Hofmaster, Daryl Jones, Louise Majesky, Esther Michaud, Betty Pyle, Gay Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Jo Shockey and Jane Sotomayor. Member spouses included Bob Hanson, Gary Hofmaster, Tom Jones, Don Reed and John Sotomayor. We were very pleased to have JSO Board of Trustees President Dennis McNair join us.

The meeting opened at 12:15 pm. Co-President Gay Reed provided copies of the minutes for the March meeting and they were approved as emailed and Gay provided printed copies to those who do not receive email. Treasurer Syd Bowersox passed out her April 2014 Treasury Report, including our balance as of March 11 and a Sunshine Basket total. A raise in annual dues from \$15 to \$20 was voted upon and approved. Some payments were made to Syd at this meeting and others will be due by the June meeting. Monies will be flagged for the Taste of the Laurel Highlands event in October. Also, Windsong Strings has agreed but will be confirmed as entertainment for the October fundraiser, as requested by Bob Hanson.

Past president Eleanor Schrock announced that volunteers are needed for the Mothers Day Concert scheduled for May 11 at 2:30 at Somerset High School. Eleanor passed around a sign-up sheet for such assignments as flowers, greeters, ushers, cookbook sales. She encourages all members who have cookbooks in their possession to bring them to the concert. Mothers attend free of charge; other adults pay \$5. A Thank You will be sent to Somerset Trust for their sponsorship and flower arrangements.

Co-president Sam Hanson reviewed Ruby Tuesday's Community GiveBack Program. The dates are April 17 and April 23 (Admin/Professional Day). 20% of sales for those days will go to the JSO. Flyers are still available on the SAJSO website but can be mailed if needed. Also, flyers were inserted in the programs of the April 5 JSO Concert, thanks to the JSO staff.

Flyers and sign-up sheets for the Bach's Lunch on April 24 are being posted in businesses and given to individuals. Orders are due by April 16. The lunches include an EM's Sub (members of the Johnstown Auxiliary spend over 2 ½ days packing lunches (one morning packing all the dry goods and the 2nd morning putting in the subs, collecting the drinks to match the lunches and the orders, and staging the orders for

pickup or delivery.) We want to thank the JSO Auxiliary for all their efforts. Our subs will be delivered from Johnstown to Jim Beener's office, 146 W. Main St. in Somerset. Somerset recipients can pick them up there. Flyers and order sheets appear on the SAJSO website and are linked to the SAJSO website.

Pat Hofschler, Orchestra Manager, spoke of the Young Peoples Concert scheduled for 9:30 and 10:45am at Pasquerilla Center. 5th graders from the local area will be treated to an educational concert by the JSO, an annual event. Pat encouraged auxiliary members to attend, and she especially urged former teachers, who might enjoy ushering. There are seats available and Pat can provide needed invites. Pat also passed out a packed schedule of JSO events for April and May, a very helpful list as there is so much happening it is hard to keep the dates straight.

Ruth Hofmaster discussed another Outreach program, the Community Strings, directed by Beth Pile, also very active in the JSO. Their Spring Concert will take place at St. David's Lutheran Church in Davidsville on May 15 at 7:30 pm. A varied program including light classical and popular music will be played. Afterwards a reception will be held downstairs, lovingly organized by Phyllis Koshewitz.

Ruth also mentioned the Youth Symphony, which played before and along-side the JSO this past Saturday night. The Youth performed beautifully and the music was exciting! Incidentally, every time you buy an O'Shea's chocolate bar, you are supporting the Youth Symphony, the future of Somerset County.

Dennis McNair, JSO Board, also commented on the April 5 concert, which featured trumpet player Matthew Barabas of the JSO, as well as the youth. He especially enjoyed the trumpet concerto, as he confessed he himself is a trumpet player! Also, Dennis offered that the JSO May 3rd concert will honor our own Eleanor Schrock, past president and Charlotte Aubrey, President, of the JSO Auxiliary for their well-deserved dedication to the symphony and auxiliaries.

The Sunshine Basket of Pansies for Spring was provided by Ruth Hofmaster and won by Daryl Jones. Also, Daryl will be modeling at the JSA Fashion Show on May 6! The meeting closed at 1:45. The next SAJSO meeting will be held at Kings and Queens Restaurant on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.